

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A Metering metering device for a product intended to be applied to ~~the~~ skin, in particular a pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition, comprising:

an applicator stick with a longitudinal groove ~~along which is defined~~ divided into a series of compartments,

wherein said groove ~~being able to accommodate~~ accommodates a quantity of composition corresponding to a defined surface area of ~~the~~ skin to be treated, ~~this~~

wherein said quantity of composition ~~being is~~ defined by ~~one or more~~ the series of compartments, and

wherein the groove defines an uncovered depression in a top surface of the applicator stick such that an entirety of the groove is exposed opposite the depression.

2. (Currently Amended) The metering Devicee device according to claim 1, wherein the applicator stick is fitted with graduations which, from one end of the groove ~~corresponding~~ correspond to the start of a first compartment,

wherein the graduations define boundaries of and for the following series of compartments such that the graduations[[,]] define the quantity of composition in each of the series of compartments of the groove.

3. (Currently Amended) The metering Devicee device according claim 1, wherein ~~in~~ that it comprises at least two, preferably at least three, and most preferably four ~~compartments~~ the groove includes a first compartment, a second compartment, a third compartment, and a fourth compartment.

4. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 2, wherein the ~~graduation~~ graduations of the applicator stick ~~is~~ are selected from: a graduated scale, protuberances, notches, and a set of ~~colours~~ colors or a combination thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 2, wherein the first compartment is able to contain a quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of 0.8 to 1.2% of the a total surface of a body, ~~preferably around 1% of the total surface of the body.~~

6. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 3, wherein the first compartment and the second ~~compartments~~ compartment are able to contain a combined quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of 2.4 to 3.6% of the a total surface of a body, ~~preferably around 3% of the total surface of the body.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 3, wherein the first compartment, the second compartment, and the third ~~compartments~~ compartment are able to contain a combined quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of 4.8 to 7.1% of the a total surface of a body, ~~preferably around 6% of the total surface of the body.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 3, wherein the first compartment, the second compartment, the third compartment, and the fourth ~~compartments~~ compartment are able to contain a combined quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of 7.2 to 10.8% of the a total surface of a body, ~~preferably around 9% of the total surface of the body.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 3, wherein said composition ~~is intended to treat~~ treats psoriasis, and said composition ~~preferably being~~ Silkis is calcitriol.

10. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 9, wherein the first compartment is able to contain a quantity of ~~around 0.36~~ 0.35 g to 0.54 g of Silkis, ~~preferably 0.45 g of~~ Silkis calcitriol.

11. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 9, wherein the first compartment and the second ~~compartments~~ compartment are able to contain a combined quantity of ~~around~~ 1.08 g to 1.62 g of Silkis, ~~preferably 1.30 g of Silkis~~ calcitriol.

12. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 9, wherein the first compartment, the second compartment, and the third ~~compartments~~ compartment are able to contain a combined quantity of ~~around~~ 2.16 g to 3.20 g of Silkis, ~~preferably 2.60 g of~~ Silkis calcitriol.

13. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 9, wherein the first compartment, the second compartment, the third compartment, and the fourth ~~compartments~~ compartment are able to contain a combined quantity of ~~around~~ 3.24 g to 4.86 g of Silkis, ~~preferably 3.90 g of Silkis~~ calcitriol.

14. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim 2, ~~wherein~~ in that it comprises at least two, preferably at least three, and most preferably four

~~compartments~~ further comprising a second compartment, a third compartment, and a fourth compartment.

15. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 14, wherein the ~~graduation~~ graduations of the applicator stick ~~is~~ are selected from: a graduated scale, protuberances, notches, and a set of ~~colours~~ colors or a combination thereof.

16. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim ~~[[4]]~~ 15, wherein the first compartment is able to contain a quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of 0.8 to 1.2% of the a total surface of a body, ~~preferably around 1% of the total surface of the body.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 15, wherein the first compartment~~[[,]]~~ and the second compartment ~~and the third compartments~~ are able to contain a combined quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of ~~4.8 to 7.1%~~ 2.4 to 3.6% of the a total surface of a body, ~~preferably around 6% of the total surface of the body.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim ~~[[6]]~~ 15, wherein the first compartment, the second compartment, and the third compartment ~~and the fourth compartments~~ are able to contain a combined quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of ~~7.2 to 10.8%~~ 4.8 to 7.1% of the a total surface of a body, ~~preferably around 9% of the total surface of the body.~~

19. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device according to claim [[7]] 15, wherein the first compartment, the second compartment, the third compartment, and the fourth ~~compartments~~ compartment are able to contain a combined quantity of composition corresponding ~~approximately~~ to an area of 7.2 to 10.8% of ~~the a~~ total surface of a body; ~~preferably around 9% of the total surface of the body.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The metering Device device for metering a drug intended to be applied to the skin according to claim 1, wherein said composition is ~~intended to treat~~ treats psoriasis, and said composition ~~preferably being Silkis~~ is calcitriol.

21. (New) The metering device for metering a drug intending to be applied to the skin according to claim 1, wherein the groove has a uniform cross sectional area in an axial direction of the groove.

22. (New) The metering device for metering a drug intending to be applied to the skin according to claim 1, wherein the groove has a constant depth and a constant width perpendicular to the axial direction of the groove.

23. (New) The metering device for metering a drug intending to be applied to the skin according to claim 22, further comprising graduations perpendicular to the groove, that extend from the surface of the applicator stick in a depth direction of the groove.

24. (New) The metering device for metering a drug intending to be applied to the skin according to claim 23,

wherein the graduations divide the groove into the series of compartments and

wherein a volume of a compartment is defined by a length of the compartment in the axial direction.

25. (New) The metering device for metering a drug intending to be applied to the skin according to claim 24, wherein each compartment in the series of compartments has a successively larger volume.

26. (New) The metering device for metering a drug intending to be applied to the skin according to claim 1,

wherein the applicator stick includes a flared circular portion and a narrow portion, wherein the narrow portion extends from a first end of the applicator stick to the flared circular portion in an axial direction of the groove,

wherein the circular portion extends beyond the groove to a second end of the applicator stick, and

wherein the circular portion includes a greater width than the narrow portion in a transverse direction of the applicator stick so as to facilitate handling the applicator stick.

27 (New) The metering device for metering a drug intending to be applied to the skin according to claim 1,

wherein the applicator stick includes a lower surface on an opposite side of the applicator stick with respect to the top surface, and

wherein the groove defines a bulge on the lower surface of the applicator stick such that the metering device is inclined when placed on a flat surface.